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In re Application of:

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DIFFUSION BARRIER FOR
UNSATURATED INK

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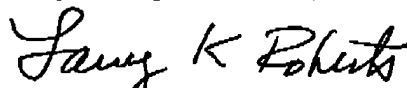
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Sir:

With respect to the examiner's statements of reasons for allowance, applicants respectfully submit that the patentability of the claims stems from the respective combinations of elements defined by claims, each viewed as a whole, rather than the presence of any particular elements or elements in the combinations. Applicants thus rely on the claims, as drafted, without any further limitations which may result from the characterization of the claims in the Examiner's statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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